



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held June 10, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“The wine-making industry in the County of Los Angeles has become a major economic engine in the State of California. A recent study found that the industry employs more than 300,000 people in California and provides wages of more than \$10 billion each year. The industry attracts nearly 20 million visitors annually, generating \$2 billion in tourist expenditures. This expanding industry provides tangible benefits to Los Angeles County’s unincorporated communities, especially those in the Antelope Valley.

“The County’s Zoning Ordinance regulates wineries in order to mitigate potential impacts upon surrounding communities. However, those regulations should not discourage small business owners from investing in our unincorporated communities. For example, the Zoning Ordinance prohibits wine-tasting rooms in commercial zones, requires a full Conditional Use Permit (instead of a Minor Conditional Use Permit) for wineries, and restricts minimum lot sizes and maximum production capacity for wineries. These regulations should be amended to facilitate the development of small businesses while maintaining the quality of life for nearby residents.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Director of Planning was instructed to:

1. Evaluate current zoning regulations pertaining to wineries and related uses, including but not limited to, the current zoning ordinance which prohibits wine-tasting rooms in commercial zones, requires a full Conditional Use Permit (instead of a Minor Conditional Use Permit), and restricts minimum lot sizes and maximum production capacity; and
2. Report back to the Board within 60 days on recommendations to modify the Zoning Ordinance.

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